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OF THE  
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COMMITTEE OF VISITORS.

PRESENTED AT THE EPIPHANY SESSIONS.

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THE Committee of Visitors having, according to long established usage, made a report upon the state of the Asylum and various matters relating to it, at each Quarter Session in the past year, have little to lay before the Court without repeating what they have on those occasions already submitted for consideration.

The Asylum continues in the same state of inadequacy to meet the requirements of the County which has been frequently mentioned, and, at the last Midsummer Sessions affirmed by a resolution of the Court.

The number of patients at the close of the year 1858 was :—

				Male.		Female.		Total.
In the Asylum	...	...	...	72	...	89	...	161
At Fisherton	...	...	...	30	...	36	...	66
Total	...	...	...	102	...	125	...	227

At the close of 1859:—

				Male.		Female.		Total.
In the Asylum	...	...	...	77	...	91	...	168
At Fisherton	...	...	...	28	...	40	...	68
Total	...	...	...	115	...	132	...	236

The health of the inmates through the past year has been remarkably good.

				Male.		Female.		Total.
The number of deaths has only been	...		...	5	...	3	...	8
Discharges	...	...	...	5	...	18	...	23

The management of the Asylum by the Superintendent, Mr. Symes, and the conduct of the officers and servants have been throughout the year such as to give entire satisfaction to the Committee of Visitors.

The retirement of the Chaplain after  $27\frac{1}{2}$  years' service has been mentioned in the Quarterly Report. An annuity by way of superannuation, amounting to £33 6s. 8d. has been granted him, as authorised by the Statute, and advertisements have been inserted for a successor in the office, at a salary of £100 per annum.

JOHN FLOYER,

*Chairman.*



# ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE

# MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.



*To the Chairman and Visitors of the Dorset County Asylum.*

GENTLEMEN,

At the conclusion of another year it becomes my duty to lay before you a short report of the Asylum and Patients under my care, with the usual Statistical Tables added.

On 1st of January, 1859, there were in the Asylum 161 patients, *viz.*, 72 males, 89 females. During the year 15 males and 24 females have been admitted; 5 males and 19 females discharged; 5 males and 3 females died.

The number now on the book is 77 males and 91 females, and at *Fisherton* 29 males and 40 females; the whole number, therefore, belonging to the county, and now under treatment is 237, showing an increase on the last year of 9 patients.

The daily average resident number of patients was 165, and the weekly charge to the various parishes has been 6s. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., being a decrease in the charge of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per head per week, as compared with the year 1858.

The number of admissions during the past year have been fewer than usual; many cases were sent direct from their several parishes to *Fisherton* in consequence of this

asylum being full and sometimes overcrowded ; but no fresh case was refused where there was a possibility of recovery. This leads me to notice the great frequency of parish officers in their "statement" when patients are admitted, noting down "one week, two weeks, a month, a few months," as to the time the patient has been insane ; whereas, in many instances, I have found out that "an odd way of going on," or "great peculiarity of manner, causing observation," &c. has been noticed probably for a year, or even more. Doubtless, this was when the patient should have been cared for, and then with every probability of recovery.

Many of the cases were received in such a state of bodily health as to require the greatest amount of attention and support to prevent their sinking. Several from age and general infirmity are only brought to be taken care of during the remainder of their lives. One case was received from the Union of Weymouth which ought to be noticed. The man had been a convict in Dartmoor prison for some length of time, and was discharged on "ticket of leave," and sent to his parents at Weymouth. His first act was the use of violent language towards them, swearing they were no relations of his, and uttering threats of a very unpleasant nature. He was immediately conveyed to the Union, and from thence here. He was reported to me as having been insane several months, and this being so he must have been discharged from the prison in an insane state. It was a great annoyance, therefore, to receive such a criminal ; yet, with one exception, he has hitherto behaved quietly enough. An application was made to the Secretary of State for his removal, but refused.

The care and attention now paid by the majority of the parish officers who bring patients here must be thankfully observed, forming as it does a striking contrast to the great



want of kindness which a few years since was so frequently shown and complained of.

The number of discharges was 24, a somewhat higher average than usual. Out of the whole number remaining here, December 31, 1859, I could find only "three males and five females" who could fairly be considered *curable*, and in several of these great doubt of ultimate recovery exists. A cheerless and miserable prospect for the next year!!

The general health of the patients has been very good; and when the exceedingly changeable autumn and winter is remembered, it seems extraordinary that so little sickness has prevailed here. The rate of mortality, too, has been very low; the number of deaths only 8—five males and 3 females. One, I regret to say, was a suicidal case, and one never rallied after admission, suffering from psoas and other abscesses. Of the other six, 2 were 38; one 47; two 65; and one 83 years of age. Of these one patient had resided here 23 years, another 20, and two others nearly 17 years: this long term of residence shows what comfort, regularity, and general care will do for these poor afflicted creatures.

Beyond doubt a good, liberal, and varied dietary conduces greatly to the above results, and too much care cannot well be bestowed on this department. Nothing disturbs patients as a body more than ill-cooked and ill-served meals, and it has been proved by constant experience here, that weighing all food, especially meat, *after cooking*, is by far the more fair and satisfactory way, and renders the meal uniform in quantity, &c.

Although the small mortality cannot but cause great thankfulness, yet this is mingled with deep regret in being obliged to record a case of suicide. This very patient had been instrumental more than once in preventing another from committing the same act, and nothing appeared on that

fatal day at all to lead any one to suspect the least of what was about to happen. An inquest was held, and a verdict returned without imputing any blame to those in charge of him. With this exception, no accident of any kind or injury to patients or attendants, &c., has occurred worthy of mention.

No change has been made in the daily routine of work. or in the amusements or recreations, &c. The reading-rooms still continue to be a great comfort, and are well supplied with papers, periodicals, &c., &c. I must not omit to mention with much gratitude the constant and regular receipt of the papers noticed in the last two Annual Reports, namely, the *Record* thrice a week, *Dorset Chronicle*, *Sherborne Journal*, *Poole Herald*, and *Western Flying Post* one copy weekly. These are a fund of amusement, and cheer and tend to while away many a half hour that would otherwise be less properly spent. The addition of two or three musical instruments for those inclined to cultivate their use is much appreciated.

The resignation of the Rev. Dacre Clemetson, the chaplain, must not be passed by without remark. Ever since the first opening of this Asylum he has been regular and constant in his spiritual duties, and nothing but sheer inability to fulfill his task from bodily infirmity would have induced him to give up his office. Without the slightest flattery, I can honestly bear testimony that to the utmost of his power has he carried out the duties of his trust. In all his ministration amongst the patients, he has never once interfered in the least degree, nor ever ventured to administer advice or consolation without first asking the opinion of the medical office. Without exception, I believe he will be truly regretted by us all—officers, servants, and patients. Indeed, his kind and considerate manner towards every one has



naturally engendered a feeling of deep regret at his departure, and of earnest good wishes for his future health and comfort.

The office of Chaplain for an institution of this kind, is one of the most important; and requires the greatest tact and kindliness of feeling, combined with the knowledge of imparting the “simple truth as it is in Jesus,” in such a manner as to relieve the distressed in mind, and lead them from their unnatural bias to ponder over the ‘terrors of the law,’ to that pure and unspeakably precious truth “Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out.” The great tendency in many of our unhappy inmates who are what is termed ‘spiritually mad,’ is to pick out all the dark parts of Scripture, and brood over them until they believe they have no hope of salvation. How joyful is it, therefore, by kind persuasion, and leading them to the bright and happy parts of the Holy Word, to see them gradually assume a more hopeful tone, and at last able to lay hold of the “precious promises,” and realise their truth. This is the great work of an Asylum Chaplain, and great is his reward; for there are many cases where a kind word—a promise of hope pointed out, &c., has done vastly more than all other treatment—but as in all these cases no one can possibly tell like the Medical Officer when the patients are fit to receive this kind of treatment from other hands,—how important, therefore, is it that the time and season for such spiritual ministrations be pointed out by him alone.

Great diversity of opinion exists as to what services should be given to the insane, and in what manner. Some think the less they are occupied on the Sabbath with spiritual matters the better, for fear of rendering it a dull and unsatisfying day; but I have no doubt the more sacred the Sabbath is kept, the more good and beneficial is the influence it has *on all*; the more, also, it resembles a poor

Christian man's day of rest the better. I believe the service should be performed in every respect as if the whole congregation were sane—and it must not be forgotten that very many of those attending are officers and servants ; many of the patients, too, are acutely alive to the beauties of the Services of our Church, and therefore thoroughly enjoy them. These are additional reasons why I had earnestly hoped that in our new building the chapel had been distinct and separate ; it seems so much nicer “ to go to church,” and I believe also a feeling of greater respect, &c., would have been kindled amongst us.

I have great reason for being very thankful to the Committee for allowing me a separate room wholly for Divine Service ; and when completed, I feel sure will be a comfort to and enjoyed by us all.

As the subject of the new Asylum has been fully considered and settled, it would ill become me to make any further remark than to wish most earnestly for its completion, and that it may thoroughly and effectually tend to the comfort and relief of those who must eventually inhabit it. There can be no doubt as to the healthiness of the new site, the prospect is much more extensive ; the supply of water, in all probability, abundant—being supplied from the same river as we have now ; the soil good, the subsoil chalk and gravel, and the greater part of the land is grass and fit for pasturage for cows. It will be cold in the winter from its high and somewhat exposed situation ; but the internal domestic comfort must counterbalance that, and being exposed to the sun nearly the whole of the day, whatever warmth, comfort, and cheerfulness, from this source can be got, will certainly be enjoyed by the inmates of the new building.

The conduct of the attendants and servants during the

year was good, and I hope they will deserve the kindness and liberality so lately shown them.

The Reports of the various members of the Committee who constantly visit here, and also that of the Lunacy Commissioners, continue satisfactory, and it now only remains for me most heartily to tender my best thanks for the kindness, courtesy, and encouragement, afforded me in every endeavour to benefit those under my care and superintendence.

I am, with sincere respect,

Your faithful and obliged Servant,

J. GUSTAVUS SYMES.





# REPORT

## OF THE

### COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY.

*Dated July 29, 1859.*

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WE have visited the Asylum, and have seen all the patients—169 in number. Of these 77 are men, and 92 are women. Except one or two of the women, who were noisy, the patients were very tranquil and comfortable, and we found no one under restraint or in seclusion.

As has been before reported, restraint is never employed, and we notice that since our last visit, the instances of seclusion have been very few.

The personal condition of the inmates we found as usual to be satisfactory; they were well dressed and clean. The whole routine of the establishment is exactly the same as heretofore, and it will therefore be unnecessary again to report upon matters of detail.

Prayers are read as usual; but it is to be feared that the small size of the chapel prevents the attendance of many patients, who would be greatly benefitted had they the opportunity of joining in the Service.

A number of patients of both sexes are regularly employed, the land is well cultivated, and all the clothes, hats, shoes, &c., &c., are made on the premises.

The bodily health of the patients is very good, and the mortality very small. We find there have been only four deaths during the present year.

There have been 66 admissions since our last visit, and we are sorry to learn that a large proportion of these patients are old cases and afford but small chance of cure. The discharges amount to 46 within the above period, and the total number of deaths has been 11.

The wards are throughout clean, and the bedding is good and comfortable.

Now that the Committee have decided upon declining the purchase of the land belonging to Mr. Devenish, and that therefore the erection of a new Asylum is again postponed indefinitely, we would again urge upon the Committee of Visitors to endeavour to secure some premises within a moderate distance from Forston, in which a number of the more quiet and harmless patients might be placed, and thus make room here for recent and acute cases. In case this cannot be effected, the Visitors may perhaps think it desirable to avail themselves of the provisions of the 79th section of the Lunatic Asylums Act, 1853, and discharge some of the patients, placing them with their friends, provided they are satisfied that they are persons who can properly be entrusted with the charge.

We have been pleased with our visit, and with the satisfactory state of the Institution. The nurses and attendants appear to be very respectable and well behaved, and the whole establishment is evidently under careful and judicious management.

W. G. CAMPBELL,  
JAMES WILKES,

*Commissioners in Lunacy.*

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TABLE I.—THE ADMISSIONS, RE-ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS,  
DURING THE YEAR 1859.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Remaining in the Asylum, Jan. 1, 1859	72	89	161
Admitted during the Year	14	22	36
Re-admitted ... ..	1	2	3
Total admitted... ..	15	24	39
Total under care during the Year ...	87	113	200
Discharged:			
Recovered ... ..	5	17	22
Relieved ... ..	0	2	2
Died ... ..	5	3	8
Total Discharged and Died ... ..	10	22	32
Remaining in the Asylum, Dec. 31st, 1859 ... ..	77	91	168

TABLE II.—PATIENTS AT FISHERTON HOUSE ASYLUM, SALISBURY,  
BELONGING TO THIS COUNTY.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
In the House, January 1st, 1859 ...	31	36	67
Admitted during the Year ... ..	6	6	12
Under Treatment during the Year ...	37	42	79
Discharged :			
Recovered ...	1	0	1
Removed ...	1	0	1
Died ... ..	6	2	8
Total Discharged and Died ... ..	8	2	10
Remaining in the House, Dec. 31st, 1859 ... ..	29	40	69



TABLE III.—THE AUTHORITY OF ADMISSION.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Under orders of Justice of the Peace and Relieving Officer ... ..	10	16	26
Under orders of Officiating Clergyman and Relieving Officer or Overseer ...	5	8	13
Total ... ..	15	24	39

TABLE IV.—THE RELIGIOUS PERSUASION.

Religious Profession.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Church of England ... ..	12	14	26
Independents ... ..	1	5	6
Wesleyan ... ..	1	3	4
Baptists ... ..	1	1	2
Roman Catholics ... ..	0	1	1
	15	24	39

TABLE V.—THE EDUCATION.

Education.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Of Good Education ... ..	4	3	7
Read and Write ... ..	8	11	19
Read ... ..	2	8	10
Neither ... ..	1	2	3
	15	24	39

TABLE VI.—THE CIVIL CONDITION.

Civil Condition.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Married ... ..	8	12	20
Single ... ..	5	8	13
Widowed... ..	2	4	6
	15	24	39



TABLE VII.—THE OCCUPATION.

MALES.				FEMALES.			
Cabinet Maker	...	...	1	Wives, Daughters, or Wives of:—			
Carpenter	...	...	1				
Cooper	...	...	1	Carpenter	...	...	1
*Convict (on ticket of leave)	...	...	1	Dairyman	...	...	1
Labourers	...	...	5	Labourers	...	...	8
Livery Stableman	...	...	1	Mason	...	...	1
Shoemaker	...	...	1	Prison Warder	...	...	1
Stone Masons	...	...	2	Tailor	...	...	1
Tailors	...	...	2	Servants	...	...	7
				Seamstresses	...	...	2
				Shop Keeper	...	...	1
				No Occupation	...	...	1
Total	...	...	15	Total	...	...	24

\* Sent from Dartmoor Convict Establishment to his home—Weymouth, and removed here within a few days; his ticket of leave expires in June next.

TABLE VIII.—AGES AT FIRST ATTACK AND ON RE-ADMISSION.

AGE.	At First Attack.			On Admission or Re-admission.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
From Birth to 5 years	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ 5 „ 10 „	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ 10 „ 20 „	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ 20 „ 30 „	3	5	8	3	4	7
„ 30 „ 40 „	3	9	12	2	5	7
„ 40 „ 50 „	4	3	7	5	7	12
„ 50 „ 60 „	4	3	7	3	3	6
„ 60 „ 70 „	1	2	3	2	2	4
„ 70 and upwards...	...	2	2	...	3	3
Total	15	24	39	15	24	39

TABLE IX.—ASSIGNED CAUSES OF MENTAL DISORDERS OF PATIENTS.

Causes.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Excitement and Anxiety on Religion ...	2	2	4
Domestic Unhappiness ... ..	1	2	3
Intemperance ... ..	2	...	2
Injury of Head ... ..	2	...	2
General Ill-health ... ..	...	3	3
Epilepsy ... ..	1	...	1
Grief :—			
Death of Relatives, &c. ...	1	6	7
Losses in Business ... ..	3	1	4
Disappointed Love ... ..	...	2	2
Unknown ... ..	3	8	11
Total ... ..	15	24	39

TABLE X.—FORM OF DISEASE ON ADMISSION.

Disease.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Mania—Acute ... ..	3	3	6
Chronic ... ..	6	10	16
Hysterical ... ..	...	1	1
With Epilepsy ... ..	1	...	1
Puerperal ... ..	...	1	1
Melancholia ... ..	2	6	8
„ Suicidal ... ..	2	1	3
Dementia—with Paralysis ... ..	1	2	3
Total.....	15	24	39

TABLE XI.—GENERAL NUMBER OF FEMALE PATIENTS EMPLOYED DAILY.

Nature of Employment.							No.
In the House	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ Kitchen	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ Laundry	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
„ Wards	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Needlework	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Knitting, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Plaiting Straw, Hat and Bonnet Making	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Total.....							76

TABLE XII.—THE AMOUNT OF WORK DONE BY THE FEMALE PATIENTS DURING THE YEAR 1859.

Description of Articles.							Made.	Repaired.
Aprons	...	...	...	...	...	...	90	313
Bed Ticks	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	40
Flannel Vests	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	143
Caps	...	...	...	...	...	...	74	976
Blankets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Gowns	...	...	...	...	...	..	24	412
Slop Frocks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	168
Shirts	...	...	...	...	...	...	72	1006
Shifts	...	...	...	...	...	...	134	741
Petticoats, stuff	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	154
Ditto flannel	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	32
Stays	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	26
Sheets	...	...	...	...	...	...	87	350
Pillow-cases	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	222
Matrass-cases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Rugs, patchwork	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	16
Table cloths	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	42
Stockings (male) pairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	156	2477
Ditto (female)	...	...	...	...	...	..	6	1537
Neckerchiefs	...	...	...	...	...	...	116	132
Handkerchiefs	...	...	...	...	..	...	84	
Bonnets	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	
Straw Hats...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	
Straw Mats	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	
Tea cloths	...	...	...	...	...	...	72	46
Towels	...	...	...	...	...	...	64	
Dusters	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	
Twine Nets	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	

TABLE XIII.—GENERAL NUMBER OF MALE PATIENTS EMPLOYED DAILY.

Nature of Employment.								No.
On the Farm	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
In the House	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ Tailors' Shop	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ Shoemakers' ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ Painters' ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ Carpenters' ditto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ Engineers' department	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ Wards and Airing Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
„ „ Picking Flock, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Total.....								66

TABLE XIV.—BOOTS AND SHOES MADE AND REPAIRED BY MALE PATIENTS.

	MALES.				FEMALES.			
	New.		Repaired.		New.		Repaired.	
	S. Pairs.	B. Pairs.	S. Pairs.	B. Pairs.	S. Pairs.	B. Pairs.	S. Pairs.	B. Pairs.
First Quarter .....	14	9	41	31	12	22	18	29
Second Quarter .....	3	22	38	43	10	22	12	28
Third Quarter.....	10	12	43	39	23	11	12	29
Fourth Quarter .....	8	11	46	44	16	11	11	19
Total.....	35	54	168	157	61	66	53	105

In addition to the above, *all the Male Clothing* is made and kept in repair *solely by the Patients*.

ADDITIONAL STOCK IN HAND FROM TAILORS' SHOP, DECEMBER 31, 1859.

Jackets	...	...	...	...	78
Waistcoats	...	...	...	...	136
Trousers	...	...	...	...	90



TABLE XV.—DISCHARGES.

No. in Register.	Recovered.	Relieved.	Age and Civil state on Admission.	Sex.	Length of time Insane on Admission.			Duration of Residence in Asylum.			Assigned cause of Insanity.	Form of Mental Disorder.
785	1	...	42 years—Married	Male	Y.	M.	D.	Y.	M.	D.	Poverty	Mania (acute).
1088	2	...	" Ditto	Female	0	0	7	6	10	10	Not stated	Mania (suicidal).
1020	3	...	" Single	Female	0	6	0	0	6	14	Disappointed love	Melancholia.
1106	4	...	" Married	Male	0	1	6	2	2	3	Fear of poverty	Mania (much depressed)
1107	...	1	" Single	Female	0	2	0	0	7	5	Epilepsy	Epileptic mania
1083	5	...	" Ditto	Female	23	3	0	0	7	2	Reverse of fortune	Melancholia (suicidal)
1121	6	...	" Married	Female	0	1	0	0	11	29	Ill-health	Mania.
1089	7	...	" Ditto	Female	0	6	0	0	2	13	Religious depression	Mania (suicidal).
900	8	...	" Single	Male	0	0	7	1	0	2	Loss of situation	Mania.
644	9	...	" Widow	Female	0	1	0	4	6	17	Desertion of friends	Mania.
1085	10	...	" Married	Female	1	0	0	11	7	28	Not known	Melancholia.
1108	11	...	" Single	Female	0	0	21	1	1	4	Not stated	Mania (much depressed).
1130	12	...	" Married	Female	0	0	4	0	9	14	Intermittent fever	Mania.
1120	13	...	" Ditto	Female	0	3	0	0	2	0	Confinement	Mania (puerperal).
1134	14	...	" Widow	Female	0	3	0	0	6	11	Not known	Mania.
1122	...	2	" Married	Female	0	1	0	0	1	30	Religious excitement	Mania (with hysteria)
1008	15	...	" Ditto	Female	0	0	7	2	10	0	Domestic troubles	Melancholia
1132	16	...	" Ditto	Male	0	1	14	0	3	18	Death of child	Mania (suicidal)
1138	17	...	" Ditto	Male	0	0	10	0	2	24	Not known	Mania.
1081	18	...	" Single	Female	0	0	10	1	4	12	Not stated	Mania.
1093	19	...	" Ditto	Female	0	0	7	1	3	4	Religious depression	Melancholia.
1070	20	...	" Ditto	Female	0	4	0	1	7	16	Domestic troubles	Mania
1127	21	...	" Ditto	Female	0	3	0	0	6	11	Losses in business	Mania (much depressed)
1142	22	...	" Married	Female	0	3	0	0	3	3	Loss of children	



TABLE XVI.—OBITUARY.

No. in Admission Book.	Age at Death, and Civil State.	Sex.	Length of time Insane when admitted.	Duration of Residence in Asylum.	Form of Mental Disease on Admission.	Bodily Condition	Apparent Cause of Death.
233	64 Years: Single	Male	Y. M. D. 6 0 0	Y. M. D. 20 5 28	Mania	... Tolerably good ...	Paralysis (3rd attack).
1099	38 Years: Married	Male	0 0 14	0 6 9	Dementia	... Very bad—Paralysis.	Paralysis (4th attack).
372	39 Years: Single	Male	1 3 0	16 2 21	Mania	... Good ...	Scirrhus of Pylorus— Hæmatenesis.
165	83 Years: Married	Male	12 0 0	22 11 15	Mania	... Moderately good ...	Natural Decay — Bronchitis.
862	47 Years: Married	Female	0 1 0	5 7 12	Mania	... Thin and weak ...	Dropsy — Disease of Kidneys.
1033	52 Years: Married	Male	0 1 7	2 5 28	Melancholia (suicidal)	Weak, and generally much out of condi- tion.	Self-inflicted wound of Throat — Inquest held — Verdict, as above.
377	65 Years: Single	Female	5 4 0	16 9 6	Mania	... Generally good ...	Mania—Exhaustion.
1148	29 Years: Married	Female	0 3 14	0 1 19	Melancholia (suicidal)	Exceedingly weak— Psoas Abscess on left side, and many others.	Psoas Abscess—Scro- fula, &c — Exhaustion.

TABLE XVII.—ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, DEATHS, &amp;c.

*Since the Opening of the Asylum in 1832.*

	ADMISSIONS.			DISCHARGES.			REMOVED TO FISHERTON ASYLUM.			DEATHS.			In the Asylum at the end of each Year.		
	Male.	Female.	Total	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
1832	22	21	43												
1833	21	15	36												
1834	16	18	34												
1835	13	18	31												
1836	18	24	42												
1837	12	23	35												
1838	10	16	26												
1839	11	17	28												
1840	9	16	25												
1841	11	20	31												
1842	21	16	37												
1843	19	20	39												
1844	15	29	44												
1845	19	28	47												
1846	27	29	56												
1847	24	20	44												
1848	18	30	48												
1849	21	23	44												
1850	23	28	51												
1851	18	17	35												
1852	20	17	37												
1853	15	12	27												
1854	22	18	40												
1855	23	24	47												
1856	26	38	64												
1857	23	28	51												
1858	20	32	52												
1859	15	24	39												
				6	9	15				6	11	17	46	53	99
				8	10	18				3	4	7	45	55	100
				6	9	15				3	7	10	47	56	103
				3	9	12				3	4	7	50	59	109
				11	9	20				6	15	21	44	55	99
				7	7	14				14	7	21	44	57	101
				11	11	22				7	6	13	45	60	105
				11	19	26				4	6	10	50	64	114
				12	6	18				5	4	9	52	82	134
				10	6	16				9	17	26	62	86	148
				9	14	23				12	9	21	66	83	149
				15	15	30				5	7	12	64	83	147
				7	11	18				11	7	18	67	83	155
				15	15	30				11	6	13	68	95	163
				4	4	8				10	9	19	68	88	156
				8	6	14				4	3	7	67	87	154
				3	4	7				3	8	11	71	82	153
				12	8	20				6	9	15	70	83	153
				14	19	33				7	4	11	66	82	148
				18	20	38				4	11	15	67	83	150
				10	16	26				11	7	15	71	88	159
				12	18	30				8	7	10	72	89	161
				5	19	24				5	3	8	77	91	168

TABLE XVIII.—THE AGES OF THOSE WHO DIED DURING THE LAST 10 YEARS.

YEAR.	From 20 years to 30 years.	From 30 years to 40 years.	From 40 years to 50 years.	From 50 years to 60 years.	From 60 years to 70 years.	From 70 years to 80 years.	From 80 years to 90 years.	From 90 years and upwards.	TOTAL.
1850	...	3	3	2	1	1	2	1	13
1851	2	3	2	5	4	1	2	...	19
1852	1	...	1	1	3	1	...	...	7
1853	...	1	3	2	1	...	...	...	7
1854	1	3	1	...	3	4	3	...	15
1855	2	3	1	1	3	1	...	...	11
1856	1	...	5	2	6	...	1	...	15
1857	...	2	3	4	2	4	...	...	15
1858	...	2	1	1	3	3	...	...	10
1859	1	2	1	1	2	...	1	...	8
	8	19	21	19	28	15	9	1	120

Total number of Deaths as above—120, shewing a per centage of Deaths of not quite 8 on the average number of Patients resident.





## DIETARY FOR PATIENTS.

DAYS OF THE WEEK.	BREAKFAST.				DINNER.										SUPPER.										
	Males.		Females.		Males.					Females.					Males.			Females.							
	Bread.	Milk Gruel(1).	Bread.	Milk Gruel(1).	Cooked Meat, without bone.	Meat Pie(2).	Vegetables.	Suet or Rice Pudding.	Bread.	Cheese.	Beer.	Cooked Meat without bone.	Meat Pie. (2)	Vegetables.	Suet or Rice Pudding.	Beer.	Bread.	Cheese. or Butter.	oz.	pt.	Bread.	Cheese. or Butter.	oz.	pt.	
	oz.	pt.	oz.	pt.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	pt.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	pt.	oz.	oz.			oz.	oz.		
Sunday .....	6	2	5	1 1/2	5	...	12	...	...	...	1 1/2	5	...	12	...	...	1 1/2	8	2			6	2		1
Monday .....	6	2	5	1 1/2	...	...	...	16	4	2	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	8	2			6	2		1
Tuesday .....	6	2	5	1 1/2	5	...	16	...	...	...	1 1/2	...	...	12	...	...	1 1/2	8	2			6	2		1
Wednesday ...	6	2	5	1 1/2	...	12	16	...	...	...	1 1/2	...	10	12	...	...	1 1/2	8	2			6	2		1
Thursday .....	6	2	5	1 1/2	5	...	16	...	...	...	1 1/2	3	5	16	...	...	1 1/2	8	2			6	2		1
Friday ... ..	6	2	5	1 1/2	...	12	16	...	...	...	1 1/2	...	...	16	...	...	1 1/2	8	2			6	2		1
Saturday .....	6	2	5	1 1/2	...	12	16	...	...	...	1 1/2	...	10	12	...	...	1 1/2	8	2			6	2		1
Total .....	42	14	35	10 1/2	18	24	92	16	4	2	3 1/2	18	20	72	16	3 1/2	56	14	3 1/2			42	14	3 1/2	7

**EXTRA DIET:**—Lunch: Bread and cheese and  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint beer is allowed for those at work, both males and females, with  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint beer for men, and tea for women, every afternoon at Four o'clock. Tobacco and snuff are allowed as extras to many of the Patients.

**SICK DIET:**—As ordered by the Medical Superintendent.

Attendants and Nurses are all allowed 7 lbs. bread,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. butter,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  oz. tea, and 8 oz. sugar—in addition, they dine in the Servants' Hall, without restriction as to quantity of meat, vegetables, &c.; and for Supper, bread and cheese *ad libitum*. MALES: 2 pints alc. FEMALES: 1 pint daily.

(1). The Milk Gruel is made with oatmeal and milk.

(2). Meat pie contains 3 oz. of meat without bone.



## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

OF THE

## Receipts and Payments

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1859.

## MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

## RECEIPTS.

£ s. d.      £ s. d.

## FROM INTEREST ON MONIES INVESTED :

To One Year's Interest on £4,500 £3 per			
cent. Consols.      ...      ...      ...			135   0   0

To Amount received from Parishes for

Pauper Patients      ...      ...	4,088   15   3
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From County Treasurer      ...      ...	147   18   11
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	4,236   14   2
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To Cash received from Sir R. P. Glyn,

Bart., Donation      ...      ...	5   5   0
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	£4,376   19   2
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## PAYMENTS.

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SALARIES AND WAGES :									
Officers	...	...	...	330	0	0			
Attendants and Servants			...	397	10	0			
				<hr/>			727	10	0
PROVISIONS, viz :—									
19,096 lbs. Meat	...	...	...	464	16	0			
59,952 lbs. Bread	...	...	...	281	0	6			
5,922 lbs. Flour	...	...	...	35	18	0			
1,792 lbs. Rice	...	...	...	14	8	0			
4,424 lbs. Oatmeal		...	...	35	11	0			
8,609 lbs. Cheese	..	...	...	141	5	5			
456 lbs. Tea, Coffee, and Chicory			...	47	9	7			
209½ lbs. Lump Sugar	...	...	...	5	13	3			
1,120 lbs. Moist Sugar	...	...	...	23	0	4			
63 lbs. Tobacco and Snuff	...	...	...	15	0	0			
Vinegar, Salt, Mustard, Spices, Currants, Raisins, Arrowroot, and miscellaneous Grocery				24	8	7			
8,482 galls. Ale	...	...	...	291	15	10			
				<hr/>			1,380	6	6
NECESSARIES :—									
864 lbs. Candles	...	...	...	26	18	6			
231 tons 4 cwt. Coals	...	...	...	183	5	9			
4,006 lbs. Soap and Soda		...	...	42	4	1			
126 lbs. Starch and Blue	...	...	...	3	13	6			
Blacklead, Whitening, and miscellaneous			...	19	0	8			
				<hr/>			275	2	6
SURGERY AND DISPENSARY :—									
Drugs, Surgery, &c.	...	...	...	32	2	11			
Wine and Spirits	...	...	...	23	3	0			
72 galls. Porter	...	...	...	4	10	0			
				<hr/>			59	15	11
Linen, Clothing, and Bedding	...		...				315	5	6
Repairs and Paint	...	...	...				8	5	11
Ironmongery, Tin, and Earthenware			...				56	7	4
Brooms, Brushes, and Cooperage			...				22	18	9
Garden and Farm Expenses	...		...				11	11	1
Hay, Straw, and Corn	...	...	...				131	19	11
Advertisements, Printing, Stationery, Postage, and Carriage	...	...	...				79	11	7
Cost of removing Patients to their Homes and Journeys	...	...	...				19	1	7
Funeral Expenses	...	...	...				13	8	6
Dr. Finch for Patients at Fisherton Asylum paid by Parishes	...	...	...				1,263	5	8
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Total Payments				...			£4,364	10	9
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Total Receipts brought forward				...	4,376	19	2		
Total Payments brought down				...	4,364	10	9		
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Balance in hand				...	£12	8	5		

DR.

BILLS PAID FROM COUNTY RATES.

CR.



RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Cash received from County Treasurer	... 1,454 18 1	By Cash paid for Repairs	... 65 6 1
		" Furniture and Fittings	... 102 0 5
		" Rent of Land...	... 19 11 8
		" Rates and Taxes	... 6 8 10
		Dr. Finch—Charge for Patients over the weekly rate	...1147 12 1
		Miscellaneous, viz.:—	
		Architects, for Plans	... 38 18 0
		Legal Expenses	... 51 9 10
		Tithes	... 2 18 2
		Printing and Advertisements	... 17 1 6
		Journey	... 3 11 6
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			£1,454 18 1

# THE CONTINGENT FUND ACCOUNT.

CR.

DR.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand 31st December, 1858	...	550	9 0	By Cash paid Godmanstone School	...	...	4 4 0
„ One Year's Dividend on £1138 8s. 6d. £3 per cent. Reduced	...	...	...	„ Clerk, Annual Payment	...	...	20 0 0
From Farm Account	...	34	3 0	„ Sundries	...	...	0 3 6
Chairs made for the County Hospital	...	30	0 0	Balance in hand	...	...	597 12 10
		7	8 4				
		£622	0 4				£622 0 4

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# CHARITY ACCOUNT.

CR.

DR.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance in Savings' Bank, 31st December, 1858.	337	17	3	By Cash paid Superintendent for the Patients	...	...	10 0 0
„ One Year's Interest	...	9	19 5	„ Balance	...	...	337 16 8
		£347	16 8				£347 16 8



# FARM ACCOUNT.

*Statement of the Receipts and Payments on this Account exclusively.*

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance in hand 31st December, 1858	... 37 0 7	By Cash paid for Live Stock	... 16 0 0
„ Cash received on Sale of Live Stock	... 17 5 6	„ Rent of Potatoe and Grass Land	... 28 16 0
„ „ „ Dead Stock	... 4 14 0	„ Batter	... 4 5 4
„ „ „ Barley	... 24 10 10	„ Seeds	... 4 11 7
„ „ „ Dripping	... 9 4 6	„ Stickers, &c.	... 2 1 2
„ „ „ Old Materials	... 16 5 0	„ Manure	... 2 17 6
		„ Sundries	... 4 13 10
		„ Paid to Contingent Fund	... 30 0 0
		Balance in hand	... 15 15 0
	£109 0 5		£109 0 5



AVERAGE WEEKLY COST OF MAINTENANCE, MEDICINE, CLOTHING, AND  
CARE OF PATIENTS DURING THE YEAR 1859.

					s.	d.
Provisions ... ..					3	2½
Clothing and Bedding ... ..					0	8¾
Salaries and Wages ... ..					1	8¾
Necessaries ( <i>e. g.</i> ) Fuel, Light, Washing, &c. ... ..					0	7¾
Surgery and Dispensary ... ..					0	¾
Wine, Spirits, and Porter ... ..					0	¾
CHARGED TO MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.	{	Garden and Farm ... ..			0	5¾
		Miscellaneous, <i>viz.</i> ; Printing, Carriage, Brooms, Ironmongery &c. ... ..			0	5
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					7	4
Less Moneys received for Articles, Goods, and Produce sold (exclusive of those consumed in the Asylum) ... ..					0	2
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Total average cost per head ... ..					7	2

AVERAGE COST PER HEAD PAID BY PARISHES ... .. 6 10½

DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS RESIDENT ... 165

JNO. BROWN,

*Clerk to the Asylum and to the Visitors*

	£	s.	d.	Articles.	Quantity.	Price.	Estimated Value.		
							l.	s.	d.
Rent of Field ...	19	0	10	Butter .....	9704 lbs.	11d. $\text{p}$ lb.	44	9	2
" Potatoe Land	27	15	0	Milk .....	3910 gals.	7d. $\text{p}$ gal.	114	0	10
" Grass ...	1	1	0	Beef .....	308 lbs.	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. $\text{p}$ lb.	8	0	5
Hay ...	34	11	10	Pork .....	4439 lbs.	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. "	115	11	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Straw ...	39	15	0	Veal .....	866 lbs.	7d. "	25	5	2
Barley Meal and Corn	57	13	1	Lard .....	152 lbs.	8d. "	5	1	4
Live Stock ...	16	0	0	Eggs .....	214 doz.	8d. $\text{p}$ doz.	7	2	8
Seeds, Manure, &c.	19	0	2	Potatoes .....	622 bush.	2s. 9d. $\text{p}$ bush.	85	10	6
Butter	4	5	4	Ditto (small) .....	199 "	6d. "	4	19	6
Thatching, Stickers, Sundries, &c.	6	15	0	Carrots .....	877 "	1s. "	43	17	0
				Parsnips .....	135 "	1s. 3d. "	8	8	9
				Swedes .....	256 "	6d. "	6	8	0
				Cabbage .....	536 "	6d. "	13	8	0
				Broad Beans .....	45 "	1s. "	2	5	0
				French Beans .....	73 "	2s. 6d. "	9	2	6
				Onions .....	24 "	4s. 6d. "	5	8	0
				Peas .....	24 "	2s. "	2	8	0
				Leaves from roots ...	738 "	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. "	4	12	3
				Mangold-Wurtzel ...	33tns. 2cwt.	20s. $\text{p}$ ton.	33	2	0
				Barley .....	28 sacks.	20s. $\text{p}$ sack.	28	0	0
				Ditto .....	2 "	14s. "	1	8	0
				Ditto Straw .....	3 tons.	25s. $\text{p}$ ton.	3	15	0
				Vetches .....	1 acre.	...	5	0	0
				Rye .....	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	...		10	0
				Grass and Clover, mown .....	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons Hay	£4 5s. $\text{p}$ ton.	20	3	9
Sold.—Vegetables and Plants, £3 4s. 6d.; Dripping and Skins, £8 19s.; Pigs, £17 5s. 6d.; Old Stores, £17 7s. 6d.; Barley, £24 10s. 10d.							597	17	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Estimated value of Live Stock 168 0 0							71	7	4
Ditto ditto Dead ditto 62 0 0									